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## Michigan October Crop Production

Producers are optimistic across all crops, expecting record yields for corn, soybeans, and sugarbeets in Michigan, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The October Crop Report is based upon conditions as of October 1, 2014. Some highlights of the report follow:

- Michigan corn yield is up 5 bushels from the September report to 167 bushels per acre, a state record yield. Total production is expected to be 365.7 million bushels, also a state record.
- Michigan soybean production is expected to surpass 1 billion bushels for the first time ever. The yield is forecast at 46 bushels per acre, also a state record. The yield is up 1 bushel from the September report, and up 1.5 bushels from 2013.
- Sugarbeet growers anticipate a yield of 29.5 tons per acre, up 1.5 tons from September, and up 3.3 tons from last year.
- Dry bean growers are expecting their crop to yield 2,100 pounds per acre, equaling the state record.
- Michigan's alfalfa hay yield is forecast at 3.30 tons per acre, up 0.20 tons from last year.
- Michigan's other hay yield is forecast at 2.20 tons per acre, up 0.30 tons from last year.
- Nationally, corn production is forecast at 14.5 billion bushels, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 4 percent from 2013. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 174.2 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from the September forecast and 15.4 bushels above the 2013 average. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.1 million acres, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down 5 percent from 2013. Acreage updates were made in several States following a thorough review of all available data.
- US soybean production is forecast at a record 3.93 billion bushels, up slightly from September and up 17 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 47.1 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from last month and up 3.1 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record 83.4 million acres, down less than 1 percent from September but up 9 percent from last year. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.

### Acres by Crop, Michigan and United States: 2012-2014

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Beans, dry						
Planted..... 1,000 acres	200.0	175.0	210.0	1,742.5	1,354.7	1,689.4
Harvested..... 1,000 acres	197.0	172.0	207.0	1,690.4	1,311.3	1,625.3
Yield..... Pounds	1,790	1,900	2,100	1,889	1,867	1,787
Production..... 1,000 cwt	3,526	3,270	4,347	31,925	24,486	29,036
Corn, all						
Planted..... 1,000 acres	2,650	2,600	2,500	97,155	95,365	90,885
Corn, grain						
Harvested..... 1,000 acres	2,390	2,250	2,190	87,375	87,668	83,097
Yield..... Bushels	133.0	155.0	167.0	123.4	158.8	174.2
Production..... 1,000 bu	317,870	348,750	365,730	10,780,296	13,925,147	14,474,920
Hay, alfalfa						
Harvested..... 1,000 acres	660	610	640	17,292	17,763	18,190
Yield..... Tons	2.10	3.10	3.30	3.01	3.24	3.55
Production..... 1,000 tons	1,386	1,891	2,112	52,049	57,581	64,524
Hay, other						
Harvested..... 1,000 acres	310	330	330	38,968	40,494	39,456
Yield..... Tons	1.50	1.90	2.20	1.74	1.94	2.13
Production..... 1,000 tons	465	627	726	67,829	78,365	84,147
Soybeans						
Planted..... 1,000 acres	2,000	1,930	2,200	77,198	76,840	84,184
Harvested..... 1,000 acres	1,990	1,920	2,190	76,164	76,253	83,403
Yield..... Bushels	43.0	44.5	46.0	39.8	44.0	47.1
Production..... 1,000 bu	85,570	85,440	100,740	3,033,581	3,357,984	3,926,812
Sugarbeets						
Planted..... 1,000 acres	154	154	151	1,230	1,198	1,162
Harvested..... 1,000 acres	153	153	150	1,204	1,154	1,146
Yield..... Tons	29.0	26.2	29.5	29.3	28.4	28.0
Production..... 1,000 tons	4,437	4,009	4,425	35,224	32,813	32,069